

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH
WALSH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of veteran, father, husband, and friend to many, Joseph Walsh.

Joe was born on March 18, 1919 in East Orange, New Jersey. After graduating from high school, Joe was inspired by a family friend's stories of World War I to enlist in the Marines in April 1938.

Joe was serving in the Marine Corps' Third Defense Battalion at the Navy Yard in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, one of the most pivotal days in American history. Joe was attending a morning color guard ceremony when the attack began. The next two hours were "all confusion," as Joe characterizes it. His battalion fired anti-aircraft machine guns at the Japanese planes as they headed towards the Navy Yard.

Joe never spoke about his experience at Pearl Harbor when his children were growing up. He is the last surviving member of the Pearl Harbor Survivor Association's North County Chapter 31 and served as the organization's president for many years. As President, Joe organized the annual memorial ceremony at Oceanside Harbor and campaigned for the installation of Oceanside's Pearl Harbor memorial monument in 2006.

Joe met LaVonne "Bea" Phaneuf in 1945 at a friend's wedding. Many years later, Joe still remembers the baby blue dress Bea wore that night. Bea was one of 23,000 women who enlisted in the Marines during the war. She was a member of the Aviation Women's Reserve Squadron 21 at Quantico, Virginia. Joe and Bea have been married since 1946 and have six children.

As parents, Joe and Bea instilled values of telling the truth, respecting others, and taking care of those in need. Joe was always giving away things that others needed even when his family had very little. Joe can talk to anyone and somehow make them laugh.

Joe Walsh has lived an incredible and full life. He is a true inspiration for our community, and we cannot thank him enough for his service to his country.

Joe Walsh will be celebrating his birthday on March 18 with friends and family in Vista, California. I am honored to pay tribute to Joe, and I wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

MAJ SEAN M. DONOHUE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Sean M. Donohue of the

United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the U.S. House of Representatives and our Nation. Major Donohue will soon transition from his current assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison in the U.S. House of Representatives to serve as the Command Surgeon for the Center for Initial Military Training at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. This unit is the largest charged with training all initial entry Soldiers in the Army.

A native of Tacoma, WA, Major Donohue began his military career after graduating from the University of Puget Sound, enlisting after the 9/11 attacks as a medic in 2002. He was commissioned in 2009, completed his clinical training as a Physician Assistant at Fort Carson in Colorado and promptly deployed to Afghanistan as a Battalion Surgeon with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Since then, Major Donohue has served in numerous leadership and staff positions around the world. His wife, Lexey, is a dedicated military spouse and they have three handsome boys: William, Jack and Maximus.

In 2017, Army Medicine selected Major Donohue to serve as Legislative Liaison in the Army House Liaison Office. In his role as a legislative liaison, Major Donohue served as the primary liaison between Members of the 115th and 116th Congresses, their Staff, Legislative Committees, and the U.S. Army. In this role, he planned, coordinated, and accompanied Congressional and Staff Delegations on numerous worldwide fact-finding and investigative missions. Major Donohue built the relationships and trust needed to increase the trust and confidence the U.S. Congress has in the U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Major Donohue and his family as they continue to serve our great Nation in the next chapter of his remarkable career.

REMEMBERING MODEANE
THOMPSON

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of the late Modeane Nichols Thompson, a founding member of the Memphis Panel of American Women, whose quiet resolve to establish racial and sectarian reconciliation and understanding during tense times in the 1960s will be long remembered. Mrs. Thompson, a longtime family advocate with Family Service of Memphis, died February 25 at the age of 89. An African American and Roman Catholic, Mrs. Thompson joined with Joyce Blackmon, Dorothy "Happy" Jones, Jeanne Varnell and Jocelyn Wurzburg to demonstrate that people of different races and religions could establish lasting relationships and bridge cultural divides. Mrs. Thomp-

son was a calming influence in Memphis as a voice and early advocate for the communities of South Memphis where lives were disrupted by urban renewal. She was quoted in the nationally circulated Redbook magazine in 1964 in an article about racial prejudice entitled "What Can I Tell My Children?" She was a natural fit for the women's panel, which she told The Commercial Appeal was "designed to confront historically difficult issues in an open and civil manner. We hoped open dialogue and minds between people for the first time." A lifelong member of the NAACP and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, her work was honored by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati in 2006 and by the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, with its Legends Award, in 2014. I extend my condolences to her five children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, her extended family and her many friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I missed two votes on 3/11/2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 119, and "yea" on Roll Call No. 120.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call Number 119, On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1122, to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out a housing choice voucher mobility demonstration to encourage families receiving such voucher assistance to move to lower-poverty areas to expand access to opportunity areas, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call Number 120, On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 758, To provide a safe harbor for financial institutions that maintain a customer account or customer transaction at the request of a Federal or State law enforcement agency.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

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HONORING THE KEISER UNIVERSITY MEN'S SWIMMING TEAM ON WINNING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS NATIONAL TITLE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Keiser University men's swimming team and their coach Adam Epstein on winning the 2019 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national title.

Coach Epstein leads by example. His dedication to Keiser University and its swimming program is truly commendable. Not only has Coach Epstein been named Coach of the Year for the second time, since forming his team in 2017, but in just three seasons he has led the Seahawks to two NAIA national titles.

This year's championship team had many standout swimmers. Junior Marcel Nagy won three events and was named the NAIA Swimmer of the Year. Freshman Pol Roch won the 500 meter free-style and set a national record in winning the 400 meter individual medley. Lukan Macek and Joel Hannson made their teammates proud with their respective performances in the 200 breaststroke, and Jan Suchan won his third national championship in the 100 meter breaststroke. The Seahawks won all five relays in the competition and totaled 622 points to win the national title.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Dr. Arthur and Mrs. Belinda Keiser, the Keiser University Seahawks' Swim Team, and Coach Adam Epstein on this momentous win. It is my distinct honor to be the University's representative in Congress. I wish Keiser University and its swimming program many more years of continued success.

HONORING WYOMING GAME AND FISH DIRECTOR SCOTT TALBOTT'S RETIREMENT

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Scott Talbott on his retirement as Director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Talbott for many years, and his tireless work to ensure hunting and recreation in Wyoming remains available and open to the public is much appreciated.

A third-generation Wyoming native, Mr. Talbott spent much of his adult life working to protect and preserve wildlife in Wyoming. During his 34 years at the department, Mr. Talbott has served in several positions working his way up to eventually serve as Director. It has been a privilege working with Mr. Talbott to ensure stewardship of Wyoming's world-class wildlife.

Again, Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate and thank Scott Talbott for his years of dedicated service to the people and wildlife of Wyoming.

HONORING FATHER P. MARTIN "MARTY" DONNELLY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, it is with deepest sorrow, highest esteem, and abiding gratitude that I include in the RECORD the tribute delivered by Father Tony Gallagher in honor of the life of Reverend Paul Martin "Marty" Donnelly on February 1, 2019 at the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Toledo, Ohio. Father Marty will be dearly remembered as a faithful Roman Catholic priest, a servant of God, who gave his unselfish and purposeful life to the people of Greater Toledo. Following the tribute is Father Donnelly's obituary.

HOMILY: MARTY'S FUNERAL MASS (EXCERPTS)
(Isaiah 61:1–11, Psalm 27, Acts 10:34–43, Luke 10:25–37)

A giant among us has left us. Reverend Marty Donnelly has transitioned to the joy of eternal glory, but hurt in our pain of loss.

First and understandably, we all offer special and prayerful sympathy to those closest to Marty: Pat, his only brother-in-law; his devoted nieces and nephews; his close friend Tom Landgraff; and his beloved cousins, particularly his second cousin Dorothy Taylor (I always found it awkward to call her "Buck"). Unquestionably, Buck warrants the deep gratitude of all of us for her many, many years of extraordinary, dedicated, and unselfish caretaking for Marty right up to the end.

But what is the end? What is death? Here is my version of another better-phrased story: freighter fully loaded leaving a dock at Toledo Terminal on the Maumee River—dock workers shout "There she goes" as the ship is seen as a speck between the water of the bay and the sky—fully, loaded the ship is observed by someone on Put-in-Bay who shouts "Here she comes"—the loaded ship is the same, the absence or change is in the Toledo workers—and that is death.

Today we grieve the absence of Marty Donnelly. Yet we believe that angels have already shouted "Here he comes." Marty Donnelly knew that if life has the last word, then love must overcome negativity and discord, forgiveness must overcome bitterness, and generosity must overcome greed.

Marty had such faith. Yet, with great zest he appealingly owned his own humanity and was clearly animated by a profound prayer life, by the teachings of Vatican II and Pope Francis, and by a continued embrace of Sacred Scripture.

Consider our first reading from Isaiah: the lowly hear good news, the broken-hearted are healed; captives are set free; prisoners are released; mourners are comforted and given happiness, fancy attire, and called oaks of justice; ancient ruins are rebuilt; ruined cities are restored; everlasting joy will be with people who will be in a covenant with the Lord.

In his meaningful and large life Marty understood this mission. He remained, in his own words, "terminally hopeful." In that light he was one of 27 co-founders of the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests during a retreat in August 2011 and an active member of its local chapter's Social Justice Subcommittee. The intended vision of that new Association, now numbering some 1,200 nationally, is to be a voice of priests for the complete teachings of Vatican II.

Fearless in his dedication to the social dimension of the WHOLE Gospel, particularly

as a very public voice in and for our African American community. Impressive was his commitment to that community AND to their youth. Noteworthy was his vision in education in his many years at Central Catholic, where he assembled an enormously gifted staff committed to the Catholic social justice tradition. His education vision continued in the Central City's Martin de Porres Parish. With the generous support of his high school classmate, he implemented a renovation of the Bancroft-Detroit campus and created the Pacesetter Program which provided some 100 Central City youth scholarships first to Central Catholic and then to Xavier University. When St. Ann School had to close, he and his classmate imaginatively created a Charter School called The Peace Academy to carry on Gospel-based values in a creative and legal way.

You and I are here today to celebrate the powerful witness that Marty himself gave us. Marty wanted us to be in a life-giving movement that is about demonstrating God's goodness, God's mercy and compassion, God's love—demonstrating those to the larger societal movement. Marty realized that we could do all sorts of pious things and still not actually follow Jesus.

Marty uncompromisingly and generously lived as a Good Samaritan. You, I, and our faith communities could profitably do an honest reality check about our own efforts to dress wounds, bring to an inn, offer care, and cover expenses for those in our area who are somehow stripped, beaten, and left half-dead.

We knew that Marty was not perfect . . . my goodness, his fussing and fuming on a golf course was a spectacle. However, he dared to dream big, out loud and in public. He intervened with grand imagination. He emphasized Gospel-based action, not self-reverential pieties. Marty invited us to move doctrines and teachings to the level of actual experiences and an authentically Christian lifestyle.

Although Marty creatively forged new paths of service in Toledo and received many honors, he himself lived as a serf, not a prince. He never constructed a clerical pedestal for himself.

As Christ did, Marty pointed to the Kingdom of God already in our midst. And he did this even as his brain functions slowly worsened over the years. When his usually fine words could not do so he did this by actions, to the end. To observe Marty in any phase of his adult life was to know God's Kingdom hiding in plain sight.

Wow!! What a remarkable friend and family man!! What an authentic servant leader!! What a genuine man of God and of the people!! If each of us would follow Jesus Christ the way Marty did, our faith communities may actually be "field hospitals."

Now, in our celebration of Eucharist we join together with Christ in gratitude to our loving, gracious Father for the beautiful gift of Paul Martin Donnelly. We thank God for who he was to us, for what he was to us, and for how he was to us. Then, fed by the Eucharist, we are missioned to go live the Gospel in our own lives.

May our gracious God give eternal peace and joy to our noble Good Samaritan we endearingly called Marty.

Amen.

FATHER P. MARTIN "MARTY" DONNELLY

Father P. Martin "Marty" Donnelly was sent by God on August 16, 1938, which began a lifelong walk in service to others. This journey touched many in the greater Northwest Ohio community. Fr. Marty's journey of service ended when he passed away January 27, 2019, surrounded by family and friends. A life well done!

He was born the son of Leonard and Agnes Donnelly, who were founding members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, where Marty attended elementary school. Marty then attended Toledo Central Catholic High School and was a member of "the great class of 1956". Many of Marty's classmates remained lifelong friends and gathered regularly. After Central Catholic, Marty followed his older brother Bob's path into the priesthood.

Marty attended St. Meinrad Seminary College and earned his bachelor's degree in 1961. Subsequently, Marty attended Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1964. Fr. Marty also received a Master in Education in 1973, from the University of Notre Dame.

Once Fr. Marty entered the priesthood his life of service accelerated with assignments at Norwalk St. Paul Parish and High School from 1964-1968, and Lima Central Catholic from 1968-1973. It was in 1973, that Fr. Marty returned to his alma mater, Toledo Central Catholic, as an Assistant Principal. In 1976, he was named the seventh Principal and later the first Pastor and President of Toledo Central Catholic, a role he served until 1987. Fr. Marty became Pastor at St. Ann and St. Theresa parishes in 1987, and served as pastor of St. Martin de Porres from 1990 to 2005. In 2005, he returned to his roots as Pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish until his retirement in 2011.

Through his years of faith filled service, Fr. Marty mentored and supported youth from his schools, parishes and neighborhoods, helping them to weave the fabric of their communities. He will always be remembered for his dedication to the poor and furthering social justice causes in the community.

Fr. Marty was affiliated with many organizations including Central City Ministries of Toledo, the Erase the Hate Campaign, the Ohio Coalition against gun violence and the Multi-Faith Council of Northwest Ohio. Through his advocacy for these organizations and others, Fr. Marty touched the lives of many.

Being a servant to others, he never sought or wanted recognition for himself, however he earned many, including Toledoan of the Year, receiving a Key to the City in 2005; Central Catholic Golden Shamrock Award 2001; a Humanitarian of the year award; Drum Major for Justice in 2005; the St. Katherine Drexel award in 2006; a Voice for All People in 2007, and the Central City Ministry Service Award in 2011.

In addition to his passionate service to others Fr. Marty was truly family centric, encompassing the Donnelly, Hendricks and greater Quinn clans. Fr. Marty fully loved and looked forward to the annual Quinn reunions where everyone anticipated his creative costumes based upon the theme of the family party.

Fr. Marty was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Agnes Donnelly; brothers, Leonard "Quinnie", Most Reverend Robert Donnelly, Auxiliary Bishop of Toledo and sister, Mary Hendricks. Surviving are his brother-in-law, Patrick Hendricks, nieces, Ann (Tim) Doran, Kay (William) Byrne; nephews, Larry (Sharon) Hendricks, Jim (Julie) Hendricks, Mike (Kaye) Hendricks and David (Betsy) Hendricks, 16 great and 10 great great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Pro-Medica Ebeid Hospice Residence for their care and comfort during Fr. Marty's final journey. A special thanks also to cousin, Dorothy "Buck" Taylor for her years of dedication, love, care and friendship with Fr. Marty.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. with evening prayer to follow at 7 p.m., on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo. Thursday's visitation will be hosted by his faithful parishioners of St. Martin de Porres. On Friday, February 1, 2019, visitation will be from 9 to 10:45 a.m., at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, 2240 Castlewood Dr. Toledo, followed by Words of Remembrance at 10:45 a.m. and the Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will be private to family.

The family would suggest any memorial donations be made to Toledo Central Catholic High School, Most Blessed Sacrament or St. Martin de Porres Parishes.

His mantra for all to remember: "Love One Another!"

Arrangements entrusted to the Ansberg-West Funeral Directors.

Online condolences may be sent to Fr. Marty's family at www.ansberg-west.com.

HONORING VERNON DAVIS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vernon Davis, a District of Columbia native, for his outstanding achievements as a core member of the Washington NFL team and for his Vernon Davis Foundation.

Vernon Davis was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in the Petworth neighborhood with seven siblings, including his brother Vontae Davis, who is currently a member of the NFL's Buffalo Bills. Vernon Davis attended Truesdell Elementary, Paul Public Charter School and Dunbar High School. He was a letterman in football, basketball and track and field, and went on to attend the University of Maryland, where he was a Consensus All-American in football in 2005.

Vernon Davis, tight end of the Washington NFL team, started his NFL career in 2006 with the San Francisco 49ers. He went on to become a Super Bowl champion, Second-team All Pro and NFL receiving touchdowns leader. As a core member of the Washington NFL team, Davis' love for football and influence on the team's culture are displayed with pride on a daily basis.

Off the field, Vernon is known for his dedication and commitment to children and families in the Washington, D.C. area through his Vernon Davis Foundation. These efforts are highlighted through his work to promote reading among our youth through his READ 85 campaign, support mentoring programs with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington and strengthen families in collaboration with the National Center for Children and Families. Davis is also a loving father and one of the best-dressed players in football.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vernon Davis for his outstanding contributions through his work as a sports hero and as a role model for Washington, D.C. residents.

CELEBRATING THE PALM CENTER'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize the Palm Center on the occasion of their 20th anniversary. Founded in 1998 by the University of California, Santa Barbara, the Palm Center conducts policy research on key social and political issues affecting the most vulnerable Americans. For 20 years, the Palm Center has been a trailblazer in efforts to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) service members. The organization has worked diligently against the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy, which prohibited service members of the LGBT community from disclosing their sexuality while serving.

The Palm Center's independent research has enhanced the quality of public dialogue and contributed to the work of independent scholars, students, journalists, members of the public, and policymakers, like myself. In 2009, the Palm Center's research was a welcomed resource that allowed me to introduce the Open and Honest Testimony Act. This legislation addressed the discriminatory DADT policy by allowing LGBT troops to testify openly without the risk of discharge and ensured that Congress based its decision on the best possible information.

In 2013, the largest collection of research on DADT policy was published in the Journal of Homosexuality. This publication was composed of the work of Palm Center scholars, as well as reviews of the literary works of Palm Center authors. The Palm Center was the first to release a study on openly gay military service members following the repeal of DADT. Even after its repeal, the Palm Center has continued its work against other anti-LGBT military policies.

The Palm Center's current research focuses on transgender military service. This research comes at a pivotal time when President Trump's Administration threatens the ability of transgender men and women to serve in our military. The Palm Center's scholarship has made it abundantly clear that the transgender ban would weaken our military readiness, cause substantial disruptions, deprive the military of talent, and wreak havoc on the lives of military families. The research the Palm Center is conducting is crucial to negating the misinformation and belittling rhetoric the Trump Administration continues to engage in regarding our brave transgender service members.

Madam Speaker, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Palm Center on its 20th anniversary. The work they are doing to provide the public with accurate and evidence-based information is invaluable to us all. I look forward to continuing my work with the Palm Center, and wish them many more years of great success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ADAM DAVID NUSZEN

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Adam David Nuszen who lost his battle with mental illness and addiction a little over 3 years ago. With an insatiable curiosity and unparalleled connectivity to the world around him, Adam's bright future was as limitless as the night sky he so admired. As a gifted musician, poet, writer, philosopher and inventor, Adam enlightened everyone who had the honor of meeting him, and as the oldest of three siblings, he was the protector of his family with a fierce loyalty that was only surpassed by his quiet quest for justice.

At the age of 22, Adam was diagnosed with schizophrenia, which sent him in and out of hospitals in an attempt to balance his mental illness with some semblance of an everyday life, but he succumbed to the dangerous and devastating world of opioid addiction. Even in his darkest days, Adam always encouraged his loved ones to "look up" so they didn't miss the beauty he saw in the world around them.

In November 2015, Adam lost his battle with addiction, but only after leaving an indelible mark on his family, friends and community. During his last conversation with his mother Linda, Adam carried this same positive sentiment and tone, which has stayed with Linda to this day and inspired the creation of the non-profit foundation Look Up for Adam.

The rise of the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic has affected so many families across Long Island and our entire nation, and Look Up for Adam provides support for these families as they embark on "the difficult journey of loving a person who is addicted to drugs." Even in the darkest of days, Look Up for Adam reminds these families to look up just as Adam did, and in honor of his enduring spirit and character, I'd like to support his mother's request in declaring March 12th, Adam's birthday, as National Look Up Day.

There are so many families across our entire nation who are battling the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic, who when down in the trenches sometimes forget to look up at the world around them. National Look Up Day serves as a reminder for these families to keep a positive outlook, but also for us as Members of Congress to never stop fighting to combat the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic and never waver in our support for the families affected by it.

HONORING ROB WYNBRANDT

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the contributions of Rob Wynbrandt, who will retire on March 15th as Executive Director and General Counsel of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS). I commend his 30 years of legal service and guidance for cardiothoracic surgeons and their patients.

Mr. Wynbrandt graduated from Northwestern University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, and obtained a Juris Doctor with Honors from the University of Michigan in 1979. He worked for many years as a partner in a Chicago law firm, serving clients such as The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the American Academy of Dermatology, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Radiology, and the American College of Surgeons. In 2002, Mr. Wynbrandt was named STS Executive Director and General Counsel.

Once Mr. Wynbrandt took the helm at STS, he expanded its staff and oversaw the development of programs on patient safety, public reporting, and professional medical education for cardiothoracic surgeons. It was under Mr. Wynbrandt's legal expertise that the STS launched its now world-renowned National Database. As a result of his leadership, the database has become the gold standard for clinical outcomes registries and serves as the bedrock for quality improvement initiatives involving heart and lung surgery patients.

I congratulate Mr. Wynbrandt on a distinguished career at STS, and join his family, friends, cardiothoracic surgeons, and their patients from around the country in extending my best wishes in his retirement.

HONORING THE CASPER CHAPTER OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WINNING THE NATIONAL FFA FARM AND AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONTEST

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Casper Chapter of Future Farmers of America on their victory at the National FFA Farm and Agribusiness Management Contest.

Future Farmers of America is a national organization dedicated to educating and encouraging young people on the importance of sustainable farming and agribusiness. The young men and women of the Casper Chapter have distinguished themselves among chapters from all across the nation. They truly are some of the best that Wyoming has to offer. They are the future of agribusiness in Wyoming, and the country.

Again Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Casper Chapter of Future Farmers of America on their victory and applaud their commitment to an industry that is vital to our nation.

HONORING THE BLANCHE ELY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING ITS SECOND STRAIGHT CLASSIC 8A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Blanche Ely boys' basket-

ball team and their coach Melvin Randall on their 57–52 victory to claim its second straight Class 8A boys basketball state championship at Lakeland's RP Funding Center on March 9, 2019.

Coach Randall's dedication to Blanche Ely High School and its basketball program is truly commendable. Before the game, Coach Randall provided the team the same piece of advice he always does: "piece by piece". The All-USA Boys Basketball Coach of the Year and Broward County Sports Hall of Fame Inductee led his team by example, providing them with the courage, resilience, and wisdom needed to win.

The Blanche Ely boys' basketball team would not be a success without their tremendous commitment to the sport. Senior Joshua Scott will be the first player in the program's history to win four back-to-back state titles. Aderes Stanton-McCray also was critical to his team's win. His block brought the team back into the lead in what Coach Randall described as the "play of the game".

I would also like to recognize the entire Tiger basketball team, which includes: Tyreke Francois, Jayden Fye, Daniel Merrius, Eric Guerrier, Aderes Staton-McCray, Javier Zapata, Jeremiah Mathieu, Jair Copeland, Derrick Lovett, Joshua Scott, Malachi Hazelton, Lance Rainer, Javon Williams, Lamont Evans, Colby King, and Bryson Williams.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Principal Dr. Karlton O. Johnson for his outstanding leadership of Blanche Ely High School, as well as Coach Melvin Randall, and the entire Blanche Ely boys' basketball team. They had a tremendous season and should be extremely proud of themselves. I wish the Blanche Ely High School and their basketball program many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM HENRY PECKHAM III

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to pay special tribute to William Henry Peckham III, a great American and a great Texan, on his 90th birthday. Even with nine decades of life behind him, he remains a vibrant part of his beloved central Texas community.

Many go through life wondering if they've made a difference. William doesn't have that problem. As a successful small business owner, respected race horse owner, and devoted family man, he represents the very best of Texas values.

Over his incredible life, William witnessed his nation's brave soldiers defend freedom on foreign shores, watched a humble midwesterner take mankind's first steps on another world, and marveled at technological advances beyond any of his dreams. He saw how America has been defined by extraordinary men and women who fought to make our nation a beacon of hope and freedom, always willing to learn from the past, confront the challenges of the present, and hopeful enough to embrace a better tomorrow.

March 11, 2019 makes a special day for an extraordinary man. I join William's family and

friends in celebrating his long life and the incredible impacts he's made. We wish him the happiest of birthdays and nothing but health and prosperity in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO THE MILWAUKEE
URBAN LEAGUE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Milwaukee Urban League as it celebrates 100 years of service to the Milwaukee area Community. The Milwaukee Urban League was established in 1919 as an affiliate of the National Urban League (NUL) in response to the migration of African Americans who moved north from southern states in search of greater opportunities and a better way of life. They assisted in their transition to urban life and employment, helping African Americans in Milwaukee secure economic self-reliance, parity and power, and civil rights.

The Milwaukee Urban League become a hub and sought to meet the various needs of the African American Community. They established a medical clinic in the 1920s and sponsored a community center for holiday gatherings, youth recreation and crafts, and taught boxing skills. In 1926 the Urban League released a study that established the need to eliminate poor housing as a high priority. In subsequent years, it was instrumental in ending legalized racial discrimination in housing and creating the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council which still exists today. In the 1930s, the Milwaukee Urban League established the Industrial Relations Project to improve job opportunities and working conditions through relationships with business establishments.

Over the years the Urban League has continued to promote employment and economic self-sufficiency through such initiatives as apprentice programs, and pre-employment skills training. Other employment help includes on the job placement and training and older workers and job ride programs. The Milwaukee Urban League has promoted business ownership and development through efforts such as the Franchise Initiative designed to help African Americans acquire franchises, thereby, generating wealth and increasing the number of jobs in the community. It hosts an annual Youth Leadership Summit to promote civic engagement.

The Milwaukee Urban League has been on the front lines of the struggle for equality by both performing research that establishes the case for change and taking actions that result in change to help the next generation succeed. The Urban League continues to collaborate on many issues to enhance the well-being of the community it serves to achieve positive outcomes, including: seeking alternatives to incarceration, working with organizations to speak out against hatred and bigotry, improving academic achievement and social growth among students, and eliminating barriers to employment including enhancement.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons I rise to recognize and pay tribute to the Milwaukee

Urban League as it celebrates its 100th anniversary and continues its efforts to benefit the Fourth Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin.

HONORING SHERIFF JOE MAX
TAYLOR

HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEBER of Texas. Madam Speaker, former Galveston County Sheriff Joe Max Taylor passed away on Monday, February 11, 2019.

Sheriff Taylor was a veteran, husband and father who dedicated his life to public service. His colleagues describe him as an innovator, mentor and a skilled politician. The Sheriff served Galveston County for 54 years, 19 of those years he served as sheriff.

Sheriff Joe Max Taylor's legacy is one filled with a deep love for his Galveston community. During his career, he assisted in growing the sheriff's office from nineteen deputies to more than 300 deputies. He was also instrumental in helping form the mental health division and the auto crimes task force.

Those who knew Sheriff Taylor know he was more than a sheriff, he was someone who did so much for our community. He will be greatly missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEACHER
VICTIMS' FAMILY ASSISTANCE
ACT OF 2019

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Teacher Victims' Family Assistance Act of 2019. It is well known that this country faces a gun violence epidemic. In fact, in the 2018 school year alone, there were 24 school shooting incidents. This is the highest annual number of school shootings in recent history, averaging out to one school shooting incident every seven and a half school days. The pain and heartache that result from this tragic and needless loss of life sends shockwaves through our communities, but especially through the families left behind. Today, our teachers must contend with not only the awesome responsibility of preparing our children for bright and meaningful futures, but also with protecting them from the very real threat of active shooters and others wishing to harm our children and grandchildren. Too often, the teachers themselves are casualties in this epidemic, leaving the families of the slain teachers, many with small children, unprepared financially.

The Teacher Victims' Family Assistance Act of 2019 directs the Secretary of Education to provide assistance to the immediate family members of K-12 teachers who are killed during their performance of duties at a public or

private school. This bill provides victims' families with funeral assistance; a death benefit payment to the surviving spouse, dependent child, or other next of kin; monthly living assistance for the surviving spouse; and undergraduate education assistance for each dependent child.

In time, it is my sincere hope that the need for the crucial assistance provided by this measure will not be necessary as fewer and fewer families are forced to cope with the sudden, tragic loss of a loved one at school. However, until that time, we must do all we can for our dedicated and hardworking teachers and their families, and that is exactly the spirit with which this legislation is put forward.

Madam Speaker, I urge this body to expeditiously pass this measure. Doing so will reaffirm America's solidarity, gratitude, and support for our nation's dedicated educators, who work tirelessly on behalf of our children.

COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CRYSTAL CHORDS

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Crystal Chords.

The Crystal Chords are a group of extraordinary women who come together to share their love of music and sing a cappella in the barbershop style. For twenty-five years the women of Crystal Chords have graced the communities of the Corning-Elmira area, singing at a variety of community functions. They are a proud chapter of Harmony, Inc., a non-profit international organization, whose mission is to empower women through education, friendship, and a cappella singing in the barbershop style.

The barbershop quartets of the Crystal Chords share their talents throughout the year, singing for civic and charitable events. They have sung at community events such as the Corning Parade of Lights and Horseheads' Holly Days, and regularly perform at local churches. The Crystal Chords are committed to charity in their communities as they fundraise for the Food Bank of the Southern Tier at all of their concerts and events.

The Crystal Chords are proudly directed by the husband-wife team of Bill and Donna McKay. Their years of barbershop quartet experience and unwavering dedication have led the Crystal Chords from its inception twenty-five years ago to continued success today.

Twenty-five years of uniting members of our communities with music is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Crystal Chords on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Crystal Chords.